

# News Release

## *National Wildlife Refuge System*



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## **Fowler Beach Closed for 2020 Beach-Nesting Season**

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The Fowler Beach area of Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge which includes the bay beach, dunes and back-barrier portions will close entirely beginning April 1st for the benefit of federally and state protected beach-nesting and migratory shorebirds, including red knot, piping plovers, oystercatchers, least terns and other species.

This updated closure includes any previously allowed access to Fowler Beach via the water's edge.

- All access is prohibited
- Area closures are subject to change and/or modification at any time
- Access to Fowler Beach will re-open on September 1 for full use by wildlife dependent visitors

For more information, please call (302) 684-8419 or visit Prime Hook's website:

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Prime\\_Hook/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Prime_Hook/). Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located just off Route 16 near Broadkill Beach at 11978 Turtle Pond Road, Milton, DE.

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